

REMARKS

The present amendment is being submitted to correct certain typographical errors noticed in claims 11 and 12 during a review of the present patent application after the Notice of Allowance was mailed. The term "Silicon Oxycarbide" is also being removed from claim 11. It is believed that removing the term "Silicon Oxycarbide" after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is proper because such amendment actually narrows claim 11, rather than broadening claim 11. Thus, such amendment should not cause any additional burden on the Examiner.

It should also be noted that in the Amendment filed in June of 2005, claim 11 was amended to recite the "upper ~~ehadding~~ cladding is of silica (SiO₂); and upperlower ~~ehadding~~ cladding is of thermal oxide".

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the foregoing amendment, Applicant's attorney would welcome a telephonic interview with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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